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Blood

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OFFICE ACTION AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, and numbered paper No. 3,
the following amendment is submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 19 through 21 without prejudice, and without admitting obviousness or
anticipation.

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

Group II, Claims 19 through 21 were objected to by the Examiner under 35 CFR 1.121 as
being a distinct invention compared to group I, Claims 1 through 18 and 22. Applicant elects to
withdraw Claims 19 through 21 from the application. Therefore, a provisional election is made
to prosecute the invention of group I, Claims 1 through 18 and 22. Applicant hereby affirms the
election of group I, Claims 1 through 18 and 22 and the withdrawal of Claims 19 through 21

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If the Examiner has any suggested changes, which would place the present application in condition for allowance, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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